UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-43) DATE: December 4, 1963

FROM : ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
AFO

In connection with resolving if the shirt obtained from the Dallas PD and which has been examined by the Laboratory is the shirt which subject was wearing at the time of the assassination and when observed by witnesses immediately thereafter, the following pertinent data is set forth:

1. The above mentioned shirt on examination by the Laboratory was determined to have had fibers similar in microscopic characteristics to those found adhering to the assassination weapon. (Page 164 of report)

2. Mrs. R. A. REID at the TSBD saw OSWALD immediately after the assassination wearing what she described as a T-shirt and not wearing or carrying a jacket. (Page 27 of report)

3. Mrs. MARY E. BLEDSOE, 621 North Marsalis, the former landlady of OSWALD who saw OSWALD on the bus immediately after the assassination, has stated he was wearing ragged gray work pants and a brown shirt with holes in the elbows. (Page 341 of report) Mrs. BLEDSOE said OSWALD had no jacket. (Page 344 of report)

4. CECIL J. McWATTERS, the bus driver, stated he could not recall the description of any clothing worn by the individual who he thought resembled OSWALD. (Page 346 of report)

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5. WILLIAM WAYNE WHALEY, cab driver, says OSWALD had on a dark colored shirt with some light color in it, which shirt had long sleeves. He described the shirt as somewhat darker than the trousers OSWALD was wearing and described the trousers as being gray khaki. He commented that the shirt nearly matched the trousers. He made no mention of a jacket. (Page 348 of report)

6. Mrs. EARLENE ROBERTS, housekeeper at 1026 North Beckley (residence of OSWALD) has stated OSWALD came to his room shortly after the assassination and got what she believed was a "coat." (Page 353 of report) She stated that he was wearing a light colored shirt, either short-sleeved or with sleeves rolled up, dark pants and no jacket. She stated he stayed only four or five minutes, and she could not recall what he was wearing when he left the house but recalls he was putting on a jacket and zipping it up the front as he left the house. She has the impression he changed clothes but cannot definitely recall anything other than the jacket. (Page 355 of report)

7. W. W. SCOGGINS, the cab driver who saw the shooting of Officer TIPPIT, gave no description of the clothing worn by OSWALD. (Page 74 of report)

8. Mrs. HELEN MARKHAM, the witness who saw the TIPPIT shooting, has stated that OSWALD was wearing black shoes, a tan jacket, and dark trousers. (Page 79 of report)

9. SA ODUM, who was at the Texas Theater, saw OSWALD at the time of arrest and stated he was wearing a white shirt, dark trousers, and a reddish-brown jacket with the zipper open in front. (Page 86 of report)

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10. OSWALD, in interview by SA JAMES P. HOSTY and SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT together with Capt. FRITZ on 11/22/63 stated he went home by bus and changed clothes. (Page 91 of report)

11. In another interview by SA BOOKHOUT and Capt. FRITZ on 11/23/63, OSWALD stated he changed his shirt and trousers because they were dirty when he reached his room. He described his dirty clothes as being reddish colored long sleeved shirt with a buttoned-down collar and gray colored trousers. He indicated he put these clothes in the lower dresser drawer. (Page 100 of report)

12. OSWALD was interviewed 11/22/63 by SA CLEMENTS, who described OSWALD as being dressed at the time of interview in black trousers, brown salt and pepper long-sleeved shirt. (Page 93 of report) In other interviews on November 22 and 23, 1963, by SA BOOKHOUT, OSWALD's dress was not described.

SA ODUM has checked today with Detective FAY M. TURNER, Homicide Bureau, who has stated that during a search of the dresser drawers at 1026 North Beckley at 5:15 p.m. on 11/22/63, he took a rusty brown shirt with a buttoned-down collar from a dresser drawer and that Assistant District Attorney BILL ALEXANDER and Detective W. E. POTTS, Homicide Bureau, were present.

TO BE RESOLVED:

SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., is showing the shirt which the Laboratory has examined to Mrs. MARY E. BLEDSOE to determine if this is the shirt she saw OSWALD wearing when he boarded the bus shortly after the assassination.

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SA DRAIN is determining if the shirt the Laboratory has examined was actually taken from OSWALD at the time of arrest or if it is the shirt found during the search of the residence at 1026 North Beckley. He is also ascertaining if there is any other shirt available which was picked up by the Dallas Police or was contained in evidence turned over to the FBI by the Dallas Police Department.

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